



WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY

Three Systems to be Consolidated Into One.

VESSELS ARE EQUIPPED

Government Stations in the U. S. Use Wireless System Exclusively.

POSSIBILITIES ARE PREDICTED

Abraham White, of Jersey City, Back of the Consolidation, Which Will Control All Wireless Telegraph Companies in the World.

ASTORIAN BUREAU WASHINGTON, D. C., November 21.—From a "postage stamp bidder" to the head of the Wireless Telegraph Trust capitalized at \$20,000,000, in ten years; the possessor of the most magnificent estate on the Jersey coast and a fortune to support it! This is not bad for a young man of forty three, is it? At dinner, last Sunday in his palatial mansion, in "White Park," West End, New Jersey, Mr. Abraham White announced to his guests that arrangements had been perfected to consolidate the operating wireless telegraph companies of the English speaking countries. Among those present was a well known Washington correspondent, who says: "I was greatly interested in the announcement made by Mr. White for I have known for several years that he has had this project in mind. The warfare between the Marconi company of America and Canada was bitter and expensive, and did neither company any good. Advancement of wireless in this country was hampered by litigation, both pending and threatened, some time ago a modus vivendi was executed under the terms of which the companies ceased their attacks on each other. Since then the harmonious relations have led to a general desire for closer relationship. Last Sunday Mr. White announced to his guests, of whom I was one, that the negotiations had proceeded to such a point that failure was impossible, and that in a few days the United Wireless Telegraph company would come into existence.

STORM IN CHICAGO

Chimney Blown on Tenement House Frightening Inmates.

BREWERY PLANT DAMAGED

Severe Rain, Snow and Wind Storm Causes Considerable Damage in Chicago, But No Lives Are Reported Lost.

CHICAGO, Nov. 21.—Much damage was done in Chicago and the suburbs today by a severe rain, snow and wind storm. In the business section of the city a number of signs were blown down and several pedestrians were slightly injured. A large chimney in Clark street fell through the roof near a tenement house which contained a restaurant, causing a great panic among the inmates, all of whom rushed into the streets. Fortunately no one was injured, although many narrow escapes were reported.

The Chicago Brewing company's plant was seriously damaged, a large portion of the siding of the building being stripped off. New frame buildings in the residence part of the city were blown down and several workmen were imprisoned in the debris. So far as can be ascertained tonight, no serious injuries occurred throughout the day.

TUMBLER FROM CAR.

Freight Brakeman Falls Off Top of Car and Is Killed.

LA GRANDE, Or., Nov. 21.—A. A. Prosser, freight brakeman, from here to Huntington, fell from the top of a car while switching at Lime Siding, near Huntington, and was instantly killed. He was a member of the local lodge of the Brotherhood of Train Conductors, but was acting as brakeman. He has a mother and brother in Nebraska. An inquest was held this morning and the body will be brought here to be held awaiting wired instructions from relatives.

MISSISSIPPI CONGRESS

Trans-Mississippi Congress Commences.

QUESTIONS DISCUSSED

Speeches Made By Congressmen and Ambassadors at First Days Session.

BUILDING PANAMA CANAL

Improved Waterways, Insurance and Currency Reforms Discussed and Occupy Most of the Time of the Congress in Session.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 21.—Speeches and discussions covering a wide range of subjects took up the time today of the three days' session of the Trans-Mississippi Congress. Improved waterways, insurance and currency reforms, the value of the Panama canal as a means of enlarging our trade with the South American republics, and the necessity of closer relations between the United States and these countries, made a very interesting day's proceedings.

The great value to the south of improved levees and the resources and needs of Alaska, were some of the topics touched upon. The principal speakers were representative Ransdell of Louisiana, Superintendent of Insurance Vandiver of Missouri; President Woods of the National Bank of Commerce of Kansas City; Minister John Barrett, Minister Calderon of Bolivia; Minister Pardon of Peru; Secretary Amaral of the Brazilian legation; Representative Shepherd of Texas and former Governor Brady of Texas.

Congressman Shepherd began by declaring the levee is one of the most important factors in the economic growth of the United States, and of many other countries. "The question of levees," he said, "affects nearly one-half the total area of our country and involves the material welfare of 35,000,000 of the American people."

He took the various arguments urged against levees, especially the claim that they were an interference with the laws of nature, and showed that the arguments were without foundation. He demonstrated that there was no real conflict between irrigation projects and levee enterprises, showing that they were the product of entirely different geographical conditions and had a common aim, the improvement of the productivity of the soil.

Congressman Shepard described in detail the development of the magnificent levee system of the Mississippi river and urged the enactment of effective levee laws in every state where there were lands subject to overflow. He said that the states and the localities should first make an effort to help themselves, as the people of the Mississippi Valley had done and that then they could justly ask for federal aid. He said that the construction of levees along all streams that periodically inundated their valleys would add tremendously to the nation's wealth and resources.

Mr. Vandiver advocated building up western insurance companies, saying: "The twenty-three states and territories lying west of the Mississippi river last year contributed to insurance companies \$164,279,000 in premiums.

"Does anyone doubt that the commercial supremacy of New York is due to the centralization of the insurance assets in that market more than to any other one factor? The insurance reports of New York run back to 1859. At that time there were fourteen leading life insurance companies doing business there, and their

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